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GSWC MEETING PROGRAMS

1:30PM at the Education Center Auditorium
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus
5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti

September 24, 2006 - James Craven, Head Conservator at the Bentley Historical Library, will present **Beginning Conservation.** Learn how books, manuscripts, maps, prints, photos and other material are repaired and restored. The class after will be a panel of GSWC members discussing **Connecticut Connections**.

October 22, 2006 - Patricia Na, owner of Helping Hands Computer Solutions, will present **Restoring Photos Digitally**. Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table president, **Tom Nanzig,** will present **Civil War Genealogy**.

December 3, 2006 - Bobbie Snow will speak about **Manuscripts and Diaries in Your Genealogical Research**. Manuscripts and diaries can add much detail and richness to your ancestor's story. The class will be **Writing Queries and Short Histories**, with Carolyn Griffin, Marcia McCrary and Jan Tripp.

January 28, 2007 - Mark Harvey, State Archivist of Michigan, will lecture on the **Genealogy of a House**. Washtenaw County Clerk, **Lawrence Kestenbaum**, will present **Understanding Our Ancestor's Political Activities.**

February 25, 2007 - Local historical re-enactor and storyteller, **Xavier Allen**, will lecture on **The War of 1812: A Perspective from Upper Canada**. February's class is **The War of 1812: History and Ancestors** with Carolyn Griffin and other GSWC members.

March 25, 2007 - March's lecture is **One Story at a Time,** presented by local writer and biographer **Stephanie Kadel Taras.** You'll get inspiration and practical advice for writing stories from your life with this engaging workshop. Learn simple storytelling techniques, and do some writing during this lecture. March's class is **Certification: Measuring Yourself Against Standards** with Jan E. Tripp.

April 22, 2007 - GSWC experts will present a **Genealogy Software Workshop**. Several programs will be discussed, including mapping and photo editing software. The presentation will be followed by a **"hands-on" session** where members can try-out the programs and ask questions of our experts.

May 20, 2007 - Tom Barrett will present a lecture titled **Patterns of Immigration: 1800-2000,** including old and new immigrants to the U.S., changing patterns in their origins, numbers, and their assimilation, or not, into American culture. The class will be the 10th installment of **There Are No Dumb Questions.**

GSWC NOTICES

Changes of mailing address, phone, or email address should be sent to Barbara Giezentaner, GSWC Membership Chair, P.O. Box 706, Saline MI 48176-0706, or bgiez@juno.com. Please notify us prior to your move as the post office neither forwards our mailings, nor returns them to us.

MEETING REPORTS

Note: Handouts from lectures and classes are filed at our joint library with the LDS FHC

At the April 23, 2006 meeting, **Marcia McCrary** talked about the **History of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County**, whose mission is to aid and assist members in genealogical studies, to encourage collection and preservation of family and public records, and to promote the exchange of genealogical information. We meet these goals through our monthly meetings, publications such as *Family History Capers*, cemetery readings and research conducted by our Research Committee.

Originally part of the Washtenaw County Historical Society, in the 1970s, when a bylaws committee was formed, it was suggested that interest groups be formed, one of which was a genealogy group. The group joined the Michigan Genealogical Council in 1974 and had their first election of officers that same year. In 1977 a genealogical library was established at WCC, and meetings were held at the Community College. At the annual meeting that year, the decision was reached to sever the

connection between WCHS and GSWC; however, the separation did not take place until 1978.

Seminars were hosted in 1977, 1978, 1983, 1997, 1999 and 2002. Publications produced included *Directory of Cemeteries of Washtenaw County,* published in 1978 and revised in 1997; and *Plat Maps of 1856 and 1864* published in 1996.

In 1984 the GSWC met in the Hale Auditorium at the U of M Business School, and the library was moved to the LDS Library at Hill and Tappan. In February of 2002, the Library moved temporarily to Huron Towers, and back to Hill Street in the fall to accommodate building renovations. In 2004, the Library moved to its current home at the LDS church in Saline. The meeting place moved to Washtenaw Community College, and then to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Auditorium in 2000.

Founding Members were Leigh and Alloa Anderson, William and Polly Bender, Flora Burt, Harold Jones, Betty Knepper, Marguerite Lambert, Kathryn Lohr, Richard L. Miller, Doris Milliman, Ethelyn Morton, Ralph and Lydia Muncy, Dorothy Ouradnik, Patricia Shaneyfelt, Margaret Sias, and James Wolf. At the time of the April meeting, Polly Bender and Richard Miller were the only two surviving founders. Polly passed away in May, 2006, but Dick is still active with the Society.

Our most frequent presenters for programs and classes were Barbara (Bobbie) Snow, Carolyn Griffin, Sharon Brevoort, Nancy Krohn and Connie Olson.

Many pictures of Society activities were shown, ranging from cemetery readings to picnics to library moves. The activities to date have been a foundation for the continuing strength of the Society.

Following Marcia's talk, the **History of the Washtenaw County Historical Society** was presented by **Judy Chrisman**, president of that society.

The County Historical Association was formed on 17 December 1857 at the County Court House. John Geddes became the chair of a committee consisting of one representative from each township, plus one from Ann Arbor with a goal "to collect and preserve the history of the first settlement and growth of Washtenaw County, and to publish the same from time to time as shall be deemed advisable." The Constitution was adopted January 1858, and officers were elected, including the Honorable Munnis Kenny of Webster Township, President. No record has been found of meetings beyond 1862. In 1873 the Historical Society of Michigan was formed, being called by General Edward Clark, President of the Ann Arbor Pioneer and Historical Society. On 19 August 1873 the Pioneer Society of the County Washtenaw was formed, and Alpheus Felch was elected President. In 1883 an all day meeting was held with reports and reunions, and the Necrologist read a list of county pioneers who had died. In 1929 a third constitution was drawn up with the name Washtenaw Historical Society, the old charter having expired in 1906. It was reincorporated in 1955, and in 1985 the word County was added to the name.

The discussion of a home for the County Historical Society began in 1874. Various ideas were presented. In 1942, Marie Louise Douglas, daughter of Dr. Silas H. Douglas, bequeathed a house at 502 E. Huron, but the offer was declined because of lack of funds. In 1955 a drive to purchase Cobblestone Farm was started, but again not enough funds were available. In 1977 the Barton Dam Power House was leased, and an exhibit/fund raiser was held there. In 1980s the house at 1015 Wall Street became available, and after much discussion, everything came together, and on 10 June 1990 the house was moved to its present site, and became The Museum on Main Street, which took 9 years to restore. By the year 2000 there were 3-4 exhibits, including wedding dresses, toys and dollhouses, taste of the Season, the Masons, Northfield Township, Pittsfield Township, a display from the African American Museum, women's work, sewing arts, and the East Delhi Bridge Legacy.

The Historical Society brought some of its "What Is It?" items, and attendees were invited to identify them, with the truth being revealed at the end. Some of the interesting items were a bed warmer, a knitting machine, dress stays, a buttonhook, a lancet, and a fleam, which is a surgical instrument for opening veins.
- *Marcia McCrary*

An **Introduction to Scottish Genealogy** was presented by **Robert Ferrett** at our May 21, 2006, meeting. Bob began by showing and describing the basic geography of Scotland, particularly the differences between highland and lowland Scots, and its proximity to Ireland.

Next, he gave us some general observations about Scotland and its people. Surnames may be Mac, Mc, or even M, and female surnames may begin with Nic. Most women do not take their husband's name and have not for a long time. There is a standard naming convention, and although this is not a hard and fast rule, it can provide clues to your family. The first son is named after the father's father, the second after the mother's father, and the third after the father. The first daughter was named after the mother's mother, the second after the father's mother, and the third after the mother. Remember infant mortality rates were high and names may have been used more than once.

The first cause for the Scots to migrate to Ireland was the plantation of Ulster in May of 1606. Lowland clearances caused migration, usually to the United States or Canada. The highland clearances caused another round of migration. During the 1810-1815 time period, many Scots migrated back to Scotland because of a potato famine in Ireland.

Vital records before 1855 are usually church records, although the Church of Scotland and Catholic records are better than other nonconformist churches. The Church of Scotland records, Old Parish Records or OPR, began in some parishes as early as 1553. Rural registration was better than city registration records. The entries may include the name of the child, and either the date of the birth or the date of the baptism, but rarely both. For banns or marriages in this time frame, the OPR may have the name and occupation of the groom, the name of the bride, the place of the marriage, and the residences and ages of the bride and groom. Death entries are sparse.

Other sources for information include fornication records in Kirk session minutes, aliment records in the Sheriff's court, Privy Seal legitimating records, and census records. Death records may show up in mort cloth rental notes in the Kirk session minutes, cemetery records held by the District Council, and monumental inscriptions. All cemeteries are transcribed with the transcriptions located in Edinburgh.

For records after 1855, various restrictions apply. Civil registrations of births are restricted for 100 years, marriages for 75 years, and deaths for 50 years. Deaths after 1895 may also be found in the Fatal Accidents Inquiry records. Nonconformist church records may also have information available. Wills prior to 1824 are found in the Registry of Testaments in the Commissary Court.

Census records also have a 100 year rule. Currently, censuses from 1841 to 1901 are available. Be aware that in the 1841 census, enumerators were instructed to round down all ages to the nearest multiple of five, so a 38 year old would be recorded as 35. Street indexes for the cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh are available.

Next Bob covered sources in Scotland itself. The first thing to do is get the book *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors* by the Scottish record office. The second is to call ahead to the office you plan to visit to be sure they are open, particularly if you are going in August. There is the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) and the National Archives, formerly the Scottish Record Office (SRO).

We also reviewed several web sites, including "Scotland's People" and the "Parish Locator," a free site that not only helps find the location of the parish name you enter but the parishes around it. "Scotland's People" is not entirely free so try the free searches they do have, such as the Wills and Testaments search first before you order something. Bob also shared tips for maximizing queries on mailing lists by being sure your subject line is very specific and descriptive enough to catch another researcher's eye, not "Please help me find my family," but "MacDougall's in Argyll 1851." It may also save time to subscribe in digest mode, rather than receiving six to ten emails a day.

Lastly, we looked at two new sites Bob found just this week: "Surname Profiler," which shows you where in Great Britain the majority of people with that surname originated in the 1881 census, is clearly a better tool with a more unusual surname, and "FreeCEN" which has good coverage of the 1841 and 1851 Scottish

censuses. Then we visited Bob's own site: http://alcona.org/scotland.htm, which includes links to many general genealogy sites as well as those focusing on Scotland.

A very interesting and informative presentation! – *Mary Lou Lynn*

There Are No Dumb Questions followed. A number of interesting questions, and responses, were provided by the audience and the panel, which consisted of **Marcia McCrary, Nancy Krohn** and **Carolyn Griffin**. There were numerous questions about immigration and naturalization which will appear in subsequent issues. *Thanks to Mary Lou Lynn* for recording the questions and answers.

Q.) What are the earliest county records for Wayne County and Washtenaw County?
A.) Marriage records start in Washtenaw around 1828 and vital records in 1867. According to the *Handy Book*, Wayne County began to keep probate records in 1797 with most other counties beginning in 1817. The Family History Center/GSWC library has the microfilms for Washtenaw County. There is also a *Story of Ypsilanti* with an index.

Q.) Is it true that only one vote in 1777 made English our national language instead of German?
A.) Apparently this was in a magazine article encouraging people to vote and was also discussed on a TV show. No one knew more about the election than that, but it was interesting to think about! (Note: see www.straightdope.com/classics/a4_026.html or www.watzmann.net/scg/german-by-one-vote.html for interesting explanations. – *editor*)

Q.) How can I learn to document my work appropriately?
A.) *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, and *Cite Your Sources: A Manual for Documenting Family Histories and Genealogical Records* by Richard S. Lackey are good resources.

Q.) I have a William Harvey who served in the 24th Infantry during the Civil War. That is the only information remaining on his tombstone which is in a single plot, and there is no death date in the cemetery records.
A.) Try looking at the ledgers of plot deeds to see who purchased the plot and when. Also, since it is a Catholic cemetery, check the church records.

HANDY WEBSITES AND OTHER TIPS

Member James Parker has compiled a comprehensive database for **Webster Township genealogy**. Queries can be sent to him via email at jbparker@provide.net.

For **timelines** featuring some of the key events, inventions, and leaders which had a major impact on the world's history, visit www.historicaltimeline.com. Alongside the timelines, there is a selected bibliography and list of online resources to help in your research.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

September 30, 2006 –The Burton Historical Collection, the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, and the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society are sponsoring a free, all day genealogy even at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. Among the speakers will be Dr. George Schweitzer.

October 7, 2006 – John Philip Colletta is the featured speaker for the Ohio Genealogy Society's fall conference in Shelby, Ohio. Details are at www.ogs.org/fallseminar.php.

October 14 2006 – The 2006 Family History Month Genealogical Seminar sponsored by the Library of Michigan and the Michigan Genealogical Council, will be held at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing, Michigan. For more information, visit www.rootsweb.com/~mimgc.

November 4, 2006 – The Polish Genealogy Society of Michigan hosts their *Annual Polish Research Seminar*. Visit www.pgsm.org, or write: Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, Dept. W, Burton Historical Collection, c/o Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI 48202-4007.

THE GIRLS FROM MICHIGAN

Edited by Marty Carr, Ypsilanti, Michigan

The following account was handwritten as a very rough draft by Grace Gruner Carleton (1881-1977) on October 27, 1971. It relates memories of her childhood in Ypsilanti and, later, South Haven, Michigan. Grace's parents were Peter Gruner and Laura Day Gruner. Her sister was Gussie Gruner Carleton. Jean L. Miell of Kent, Washington, Grace's great-granddaughter, submitted this manuscript. The text was edited for clarity.

Daughters were born in a small town in southeastern Michigan [Ypsilanti] sixteen months apart, and lived on the banks of a river [Railroad Street]. The father liked to fish and would take his wife and little girls out at night in a rowboat to spear the fish. His wife sat in the rear seat of the boat with a paddle to keep the boat moving, the girls on the center seat and Dad up front under a torch with a spear in his hands and would motion to his wife which way to go, the girls still as mice. Then all of a sudden the spear would flash and a nice big fish would land in the boat. They were called red gorse and pickerel and sometimes an eel, which were like a snake, but very good eating. And then there were lots of smaller fish near the shore called sunfish. The girls would get a stick, fasten a bent pin on the end of a piece of string, and get a good catch, and they were very good eating. They also would catch the small ones for pets, but these would never live very long.

Those little girls also had a dog, a brown and white water spaniel, and he was always with them. They loved to play in a great pile of rocks, but Callie (Calamity) would poke his nose in whatever they were building with the rocks and get in their way. One or the other would pick up a small stone and throw it just as far as their little arms could throw it, but no sooner would get back to their playing, and there was Callie back with the stone. We each had a big doll, with wax faces, and had our photos taken with them. My sister still has the picture.

We had very cold winters with lots of snow. The river would freeze solid. There was a huge icehouse next to our place with a big lot between. In winter when the ice was two feet or more, men would bring a team of horses and mark off the ice, then other men would saw the ice in huge blocks. The horses would haul the chunks of ice up a slide into the icehouse where other men would pack it in sawdust, and it would keep well through a hot summer. Ice wagons would deliver it to the stores in town. We girls would run over and pick up the little chunks of ice dropped by the men and thought it a big treat.

At the age of 6 and 7 we started going to school. If we would go to any of the neighbors, our dog would follow us, but not to school. We had deep dust to wade through in summer, mud in wet season, and deep ruts in cold weather. There was a railroad in front of our home. We lived just between a river and the Michigan Central Railway. A big building where freight was stored stood along the way where heavy wagons drawn by horses delivered freight, and these wagons made the deep ruts which were very hard to walk over. At times we went through a fence and across the railroad tracks and through the freight house yard. It cut off quite a distance and saved us a long walk. In this yard was long grass in which there were wild strawberries, very sweet and quite large, and bluebells here and there. Of course, there were no lawn mowers in those days,

but Dad had a scythe and would cut the grass after the flowers were through blooming. We had lots of fruit, berries, and apples and pears, also a few hives of bees. We girls would cut out huge chunks of honey and eat it in great gobs up where Dad stored it in the attic.

Our father bought a small horse and two set [sic]rig. He made a top for it and we really had a surrey with a fringe on top! The horse was called Lady Fly. He also got a pump organ for us. We had lessons and learned to play. When we sold our place and moved to the town on Lake Michigan, he traded the organ for a piano.

We had become acquainted with a girl about our age [Hettie Carleton]. She had one older brother and one younger than she [Harry and Frank Carleton]. They all lived with their mother. She was a forelady in a mill in our town where they made oil silk, and what they call lisle, ladies underwear and beautiful things. I still have a pair each of Union suits, all one piece garments. Women in town took these suits home and finished the necks and around the arms by crocheting an edge around them. They were paid a sum for doing this work.

When I was 12 and sister just 11, our mother took ill and died [24 May 1893, age 39]. She was sick just one week. Our grandmother [Mary Elton Day] took care of us and kept the house.

Our school had a fire [Union Seminary Building, about May 1894]. We were just over having the mumps and I was back in school, and Grandma and my sister had driven out in the country to visit our aunt. And on the way home they saw great clouds of smoke coming from the school, and were very frightened. The fire started on the top floor in the laboratory. No one knew a thing about it but the teacher. The pianist played the piano and we all marched out in order. The building was gutted. We really had a long walk to go to school then, but all the grades were housed in every available vacant store or building.

I was about 15 [1896] when we moved across the state to a small town on the shore of Lake Michigan [South Haven] where Dad bought a fruit farm - a peach orchard and a big strawberry patch. We girls picked most of the berries and we packed peaches in baskets. Dad took them to the dock where they were sent by boat to [*illegible*] across in Chicago. We earned enough money to buy ourselves bicycles. Of course, there were no cars at that time. Dad had a big horse and wagon and he did all the plowing and cultivating. Our grandmother only stayed a few months, and then we girls did all the house work, washing and ironing and sewing, and with no washing machines or electric irons. We had a small wood range, and flat irons that we heated on the stove, and tubs and washboards, also the tubs for baths on Saturday nights.

My sister had a couple bantams for pets, and when we arrived at our new home on Lake Michigan, they were her little pets. We had a small house with an upstairs with two bedrooms, and there was one bedroom downstairs. One evening we had a terrific thunder and lightning storm, and a bolt of lightning rolled in and up through a hole where the stove pipe went. We girls were sitting right under it. It stunned us for a few minutes and really frightened us.

We attended school, too. It was quite a walk. I took lessons in dressmaking and learned the trade and sewed for another dressmaker when she moved to Chicago. Our pal Susan and her parents had moved to Chicago and we lived with them.

We had some fine neighbors in that little town [South Haven]. One man about our father's age [William Mackey] joined other men and founded a company to build stoves and moved to the state of Washington [Everett, Washington Stove Works Co.]. My father bought some shares, sold the fruit farm and went West. We girls were working in Chicago at that time, and a few years later made contact with old friends - the young lady and her two brothers. They and their mother had been living in Connecticut [1900 census- Bridgeport, Fairfield County] and decided to return to Chicago, and fate had reunited us. Result: a double wedding united the two sisters and two brothers, and later the sister and young man who had been traveling with them [Henrietta Carleton and Erwin Clifford Parker]. We three couples all resided in an eight-room apartment. My father wanted us to join him in Washington. My sister and her husband and young son were the first to make the move [about 1905-9]. The next year my husband and I and young daughter [Laura] made the move. We lived in Washington four months and then moved to southern California and finally back to Washington where we have lived for sixty-two years, and I am living in the same house where I raised five very wonderful children. They have given me twenty-one grandchildren and countless great-grandchildren. I am Grace and my sister is still living. We are 90 and 89. Our husbands are both gone. My sister lives in Seattle with her daughter. My youngest son and his family live with me in the small town [Snohomish] in Washington. My dear children are all close by and I spend my time visiting around.

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SCHOOL CENSUS, FRACTIONAL DISTRICT 16, TOWNSHIPS OF ANN ARBOR & SCIO, 1870

The list below is found in Box # 9 of the Ann Arbor City Public Schools at Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This ledger has other lists from the same school up to 1877 and various minutes of the school board. The spelling of names is printed as is.

Hatie Luts, age 13. Fredy Luts age 10, Simon Lutz, age 8, Willie Lutz, age 6.
George Warner, age 13, Clark Warner age 8, Jacob Warner age 11, Frank Warner age 7, Henry Warner age 5.
Bertie Lockwood age 8; Fredy Stabler age 9; Catharine Stearle age 17.
Roscoe Kelland age 8, Sarah Kelland age 5.
Carrie Harrell age 13, George Harrell age 10.
Florence Blaisdel age 11, Willie Blaisdel age 9, George Blaisdel age 7.
Burnet Foren age 9, Dancy Foren age 5.
Charles Warren age 17, Elizabeth Warren age 13, Delia Warren age 11, George Warren age 9, Walter Warren age 7.
John Steep age 17; Ellen Kendall age 7.
John Shehan age 12, Anna Shehan age 5. Total number 30.

CHURCH RECORDS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS LISTS OF NORMAN G. CHASE, BAPTIST MINISTER OF NEW YORK AND MICHIGAN [1806-1868]

Abstracted by Barbara Giezentaner, Saline, Michigan

A small notebook now in the possession of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan, Inc., gives an account of various church and religious records performed and noted by Rev. Norman G. Chase of New York and Michigan. The early marriage records of the 1830s are of New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana; by 1837 Rev. Chase was in southern Michigan. The last list in the notebook noted some missionaries and others in Burma, Siam and of France in the 1830s.

A letter written 1 February 1952 from Mr. Howard D. Williams, Archivist of Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, addressed to the late Louis White, historian of the Ypsilanti Historical Society, Ypsilanti Michigan, gives a brief summary of the life of Rev. Chase.

> Dear Mr. White:
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> Your letter of 22 January 1952 to the Registrar relative to Norman G. Chase has been turned over to me for reply.
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> Yes, your surmise is correct. Mr. Chase is one of our alumni, having graduated in the Class of 1830.
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> He was born at Guilford, Vt., 6 May 1806. He entered our institution from Wallingford, Conn., 26 June 1826. At his commencement, 2 June 1830, he delivered an "oration" entitled "St. Paul's Regard to Popular Opinion."
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> He was ordained into the Baptist ministry at Frankfort, N.Y., 14 June 1830, and served that church as pastor for a year. His other pastorates were:
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> | Smithfield, N.Y. | 1834-35 |
> | Boonville, N.Y. | 1836-37 |
> | Napoleon, Mich. | 1838-41 |
> | Howell, Mich. | 1842-44 |
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> From 1840 to 1841 he was an agent for the Michigan State Temperance Society.
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> Because of ill health Chase left the ministry in 1844 to enter business at Smyrna, Mich., where he amassed a large fortune. Retiring in 1863, he died in that place 24 June 1884. "During his life he distributed $40,000 for Christian and benevolent purposes, and to similar projects he willed all that had not been distributed by his own hand."
>
> His wife died at Smyrna in 1868 after a long and severe illness.
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> A brief obituary of Chase appears in the 11 October 1884 issue of the MADISONENSIS, a student paper published on the campus. He is listed, of course, in our General Catalogues.
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> Mr. Theodore L. Trost, Curator, Samuel Colgate Baptist Historical Collection, The Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, 1100 South Goodman St., Rochester 20, N.Y., might be able to supply you with additional information.
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> Sincerely yours,
> Howard D. Williams

Memorandum of marriages solemnized by Norman G. Chase

1. At Richland Oswego Co. N.Y. in the winter of 1828 M[r] Isaac Fellows to Miss Cynthia Young
2. At Frankfort Herkimer Co. N.Y. on the 8th. Oct[r] 1830 M[r] Joseph Brayton of Litchfield to Miss Almira Joslin of the former place
3. At the same place on the 30th. Dec[r] 1830 M[r] Ezra Cheever to Mary Welch, each A.E. 23 years. both of German Flatts.

4. At the same place on the 11th. April 1831 M[r] Martin H. Demmond to Miss Sophia Murry of Whitesboro.
5. At Schuyler Sept. 14, 1831 M[r] Charles Ladd & Miss Eliza Johnson both of the above named place.
6. Married at Frankfort village on the eve of the 15th. Sept. 1831 by myself M[r] Benj. F. Harvey of Albany aged 22 years to Miss Mary Ann French of Utica aged 15 years.
7. Married at Fairfield Oct[r] 19. 1831, M[r] Norman Eanos to Miss Hannah Arnold both of the above place.
8. Married at Frankfort on the 25 October 1831 M[r] Gifford Peirce to Miss Marietta Wells, both of this place.

9. Married at Frankfort Oct[r] 30. 1831 M[r] Tilly Littlejohn to Miss Nancy Streeter both of this place.
10. Married at Frankfort Jany. 4. 1832 M[r] Wiser of Utica to Miss Rebecca Joslin of the former place.
11. Married at my house Frankfort vill. On the 25th. March 1832 M[r] Peter G. Rhome to Miss Nancy A. Crandall both of this place.
12. Married at Henderson Jef. Co. N.Y. M[r] Alva Stevens to Miss Lucy Hubbard on the 21. June. 1832
13. Married at Adams Aug. 21, 1832 M[r] Isaac Whittaker to Miss Hopa Hall, both of the above place.
14. Married at Henderson Aug. 26. 1832 M[r] Noah W. Cole to Miss Cemantha Osgood both of the above named place.
15. Married at Adams Oct[r]. 4. 1832 M[r] Frederick B. Hallett to Miss Rebekah Ann Stanley, both of the above named place.

16. Married at Adams Jef. Co. on the eve of the 15th Nov[r] 1832 M[r] Albert Greenleaf of [_] Harbor to Miss Aurelia Mills of the former place.
17. Married at Henderson on the eve of Jany. 9. 1833 M[r] Eli Loyd of Rodman to Miss Eunice Skinner of the former place.
18. Married at Hounsfield April 28. 1833 M[r] George Penney to Miss Mary Robbins both of this place.
19. Married at Adams June 3. 1833 M[r] David Nye of [blank space] to Miss Priscilla Haskins of the former place.
20. Married at Henderson near Smithville on the 23 June 1833 M[r] Joel B. Overton to Miss Eunice A. Elmore both of the above place.
21. Married at Henderson July 24. 1833 Eld. Martin E. Cook of Belville to Wid. Clarisa Osgood of the former place.
22. Married at Robbin's Settlement, Adams, Oct[r]. 10. 1833 M[r] Ashba Smith of Henderson to Miss Dolly Robbins of the former place.
23. Married at my house in Boonville Onei. Co. on the 22. Dec[r] 1833 M[r] Peter Nostrant to Miss Mary Sherman both of the above place.
24. Married at Boonville Jany. 15. 1834 M[r] Henry Wolf to Wid. Mary Wetmore both of the above named place. Witness Levin & Otis Gillson.
25. Married at Boonville April 20. 1834 M[r] Richard Hanney to Miss Nancy Wilson both of this place. Witness Thomas Bamber & sons, James Wilson.
26. Married at West-Leyden Lewis Co. July 6. 1834 M[r] Philip Rave to Miss Margaret Shuppher both of the above named place but recently from Germany. Witnesses Christian Jacky & W. Felshaw.
27. Married at Smithville Jeff. Co. Sept. 21, 1835 M[r] Jebez M. Bozworth to Miss Lucy H. Chase both of the above place. Witness the family connexion of both parties [ ]

28. Married at Providence, Centreville Luz. Co. Penn. M[r] Asa Watson Smith to Miss Elizabeth Emmons on the 15th May 1836. both of the above named place.

29. Married at Michigan City Ind. May 24, 1837. Joseph Weller, a widower to Wid. Susan Ann Sergeant both of that place.
30. Married at Michigan City Aug. 3. 1837 M[r] Henry C. Skinner to Susan D. Moody
31. Married at Michigan City M[r] Pembroke L. Cole to Miss Effie Orick on the 20. Sept. 1837.
32. Married at Michigan City Sept 30. 1837, M[r] Thompson Francis to Esther Francis, both of this place.

33. Married at Michigan City Oct. 12. 1837. M[r] Enoch Brewer to Miss Caroline Guinn both of this place.
34. Married at Michigan City Oct. 12. 1837. M[r] Ansel Woodworth to M[rs] Sarah Baldwin both of this place.
35. Married at Michigan City in Nov. 1837. M[r] John Holliday to Miss Mary Reymond both of this place.
36. Married at Michigan City Dec. 3. 1837. D[r] Joseph W. Chamberlain to Miss Caroline Tryon, both of this place.

37. Married at Napoleon Mich, July 14. 1839. Mr Nelson Cornish of Wisconsin Territory to Miss Mercy Melinda Giles of this place.
38. Married at Napoleon Aug. 1. 1839, M[r] Isaac Osgood to Miss Mary Elizabeth Gardner both of Jackson. Witnesses A. Greene & family of Napoleon & M[r]. Calamore of Jackson
39. Married at Napoleon Oct. 28. 1841 M[r] James Doolley [or Dwelley] of Grass Lake and Miss Emily Elliott of the former place. Witnesses. Tho. Elliott & family.
40. Married at Flint Genessee Co. Mch. 17.1842 M[r] Henry Merrow of Genessee to Widow Lucy Ann Linsley of the former place. Witnesses W[m] C. Gazley & W[m] J. Merrow.
41. Married at Tuscola Liv. Co. Sept. 7. 1842 M[r] Lewis B. Boyd and Charity Cook, both of the above place. Witnesses Horace L. Cook, John N. Boyd.
42. Married at Marion on the 9th of J[une] 1844 M[r] Benjamin F. Fletcher of Wayne, Stuben Co. N.Y. aged 39 to Miss Julia Ann Hudson of Marion Liv. Co. Mich aged 15. James Haddan, W[m] R. Spifford, Rial Lake, Witnesses of Marion Liv. Co. Mich.
43. Married on the 26 Aug. 1844 M[r] Hiram Thomas aged 30 of Springfield, Oak. Co. and Miss Mercy Wing, aged 37, of Marion, Liv. Co. Mich. Townsend Drew, Hiram Wing, H. H. Smith, Witnesses Marion, Liv. Co.
44. Married at Otisco Ionia Co. on the 20 May 1845 Geo. R. Doty of Putnam Liv. Co. aged 23 years and Eunice E. Seeley of the former place aged 22 years. Witnesses Seth C. Seeley & wife, Alex. M. Seeley & Wife, Otisco

Record of the organization of a Sabbath School at Smyrna Sunday Jun 8, 1851-

By vote Appointed N.G. Chase. Superintendant and Librarian.

Commenced recitations pursuant to previous appointment at John. I.1. each lesson to consist of seven verses

Classes.

Mrs. Chase's Class	Maria Moe	Mrs. Brown's Class	Durzilla Northway
	Candan Northway		Caroline Moe
	Julia Caswell		Eliza Caswell
	Sarah Moe		Lovina Moe
	Sarah Riker		Mariett Wales

Mrs. Dickinson's Class	Ann Caswell	James Buttolphs's Class	Charles Moe
	Olive Riker		Daniel Moe
	Annette Dickinson		William Grant
	Jane Spencer		
	Sally Ann Davis		
	Sarah Jane Gold	[blank]	Hiram Brown
			John Gold
Mr. Sanderson's Class	Oscar Spencer		Irvin Moe
	Hiram Northway		John Nichoson
	F. Rostan Chase		Geo. Myron Spencer
	Robert Moe		
	Melvin Spencer		
	Wm. P. Gold		

Memorandum of Baptism Administered by N. G. Chase

This is a list, beginning August 8th, 1830, in Frankfort, Herkimer Co., New York, and ending January 26, 1845, in Ionia, Michigan, of baptisms. No names are mentioned, only the location and a description of the baptized (ex: "Baptized 3 middle aged persons in the Mohawk at Frankfort.")

[This is followed by a list of Insurance policy holders dated from April 4, 1862, through January 13, 1877. Some of the surnames listed match the surnames found in the Sabbath School list, such as Moe, Northway, Spencer. No location is given, only policy number, company name, name of insured, beginning date, length of insurance, amount of insurance, percentage (commission?), premium, and expiration date.]

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LIBRARY REPORT

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977.432/A Birth v.3 pt.2 — *Birth records Monroe County, Michigan 1878-1879: vol. 3 Part 2 with index.* Genealogical Society of Monroe County, Michigan. 2005. GSWC purchase.

977.432/A Death v.2 — *Death records of Monroe County, Michigan: Vol. 2, 1879-1888 with index.* Genealogical Society of Monroe County, Michigan. 1998. GSWC purchase.

977.432/A Libers — *Libers a, b & c Register of Deeds Office, Monroe County, Michigan, March 21, 1806 to May 1, 1818: French material translated by Ralph Naveaux, edited, typed and indexed by Dan and Shirley Muszynski.* Genealogical Society of Monroe County, Michigan. 1992. GSWC purchase.

977.432/A Marriage — *Marriage records of Lee Smith Justice of he Peace, Monroe County, Michigan, July 1922-July 1926: copied and indexed by Shirley and Dan Muszynski December 1992.* Genealogical Society of Monroe County, Michigan. 1992. GSWC purchase.

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JOHN GREEN OF NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK AND WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Research by Mary Lou Duncan, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan

First Generation

1. John GREEN was born on 8 May 1792 in Elizabethtown, Essex County, New Jersey,[1] and died in Unadilla, Livingston County, Michigan, on 20 July 1880. He was buried in Unadilla Cemetery, (Baseline Cemetery), Unadilla, Livingston County, Michigan.

An entry in the *International Genealogical Index*™ (*IGI*) listed John's birth date as 3 May 1792. The *IGI* listed his mother as Mary Holms Green Bennett. The *IGI* listed the marriage of Mary Green to David Bennett on 22 September 1797 in Monmouth, New Jersey. The data submitted does not give the original source. John's father probably died between 1793 and 1797. His father was born in England and his mother was born in the colonies (later U.S.A.), according to family stories. John stated that he was working in New York City when the British marched into Washington, D.C. In his application for a War of 1812 pension, he stated that he had served for three months on the U.S. Frigate *President* as a volunteer under Commodore Rogers, but was unable to verify this for a pension. He did verify service in the New York Militia in the War of 1812. He was in Capt. Solomon Saixe's Company on Governor's Island, New York City, from September 2 to December 3, 1814. His pension was approved. He applied for and received Bounty Land Warrant #80,815 for 160 acres of land that he subsequently sold through a broker. He also received a War of 1812 pension from the state of New York. He supposedly (family tradition) was a mariner "on the high seas in the days of pirates" and later became a carpenter. His place of marriage is unknown, but probably was New Jersey where his wife lived. John and Sarah (Willis) Green moved to Augusta Township, Oneida County, New York, about 1818. A deed of that date was found in his name. He owned part of Lot 261 of the former Oneida Reservation, bordered by Skanandoa Creek. He probably came to Washtenaw County, Michigan, by 1831 after selling his Augusta Township, New York, property 30 December 1829 to William Currie.[2] Currie was a neighbor and was the one for whom John's son, William Currie Green, was named. According to family tradition, John Green was also a carpenter and built an arbor for two ladies named Ann, the origin of the name Ann Arbor, Michigan. John did own land in Ann Arbor. He was "of Ann Arbour" in September 1832 when he sold land to Job Slatford.[3] John lived in Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. He moved to the Collins Plains area that became Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The primary meeting of electors of Lyndon Township was held in his house when the township was being organized in 1836.[4] John moved to Iosco Township, Livingston County, Michigan, where he was one of the first settlers and was enumerated there in the 1840 census. After a short time he moved back to

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[1] Green Family Bible owned by Sally Anderson, now deceased, of California.
[2] Register of Deeds Office, Oneida County, Utica, New York, Deed Register, vol. 49, p. 421, 1 January 1830.
[3] Register of Deeds Office, Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Deed Register, vol. D, p. 10.
[4] *History of Washtenaw County, Michigan* (Chicago: Chas. C. Chapman & Co., 1881), vol. 1, p. 741.

Lyndon Township. In later life he made a final move to Unadilla, Livingston County. No church baptismal records have been found for any of John and Sarah Green's children. Sarah was supposedly from a Quaker family. No proof has been found that either John or Sarah was of the Quaker faith. Since some of the children became Baptist, it may be that the parents were of that religion - if any. Sarah (Green) Straith, a granddaughter of John, who had known him during her lifetime, said that her grandfather "was not a very nice man." Since Sarah was very religious, this MIGHT have meant that John Green was not religious or that he had the habit of swearing. Another relative stated that John Green was a saloonkeeper, an occupation that might not have met the approval of a strict Methodist granddaughter. These are not known facts. John's obituary in the *Livingston Republican*, 5 August 1880, stated: "At the age of 20 he was at work in the city of New York when the British fleet came in sight. It fired his patriotism so much that he enlisted and soon after was taken prisoner and kept in irons for 37 days. During his imprisonment he was asked if he would not enter the British service. His reply was, 'If they would run up the stars and stripes he would; until then he would not.' Mr. G. came to this state in 1826 and settled near Detroit; after living in different parts for some years, he came to Lyndon, Washtenaw County, where he remained until seven years ago when he moved to Unadilla." John's short will, dated 8 December 1879, left everything to his wife except for a specific bequest that his wife should retain his piano "for her support through life and at her death said piano is to be given to my grand child's two oldest daughters Lillie J. and Blanch E. Bayer."[5]

On 2 February 1815 he married **Sarah WILLIS**, daughter of Daniel Willis and Polly Perine. She was born on 2 February 1793 in Elizabethtown, Essex County, New Jersey, and died in Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, on 15 or 25 June 1861.

There is a question if the death date might be 15 June 1861. Attestations in the 1812 Widow's Pension Application for John's second wife, Mary Jane, gave the date as 15 June. The Green Family Bible gave the date of 25 June. She probably died in Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Her name is on the tombstone of John Green in the Unadilla Cemetery, but she was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan. Her Willis ancestors can be traced back to early Westfield, Essex County, New Jersey, history before the American Revolution. Family stories said, "She was a seamstress of French descent." The French descent probably referred to the Perine/Perrine side of her ancestry. Sarah was one of ten children born to Daniel Willis. He had nine daughters and one son. All were named in the will of Daniel Willis, probated in 1846. It also included the married names of each daughter.[6]

They had the following children:

2	i.	Permelia (1817-1883)
3	ii.	Mary Angeline (1820-1892)
4	iii.	Sarah Melvina (1822-1896)
5	iv.	John Willis (1824-1905)
6	v.	Samuel Starr (1826-1901)
7	vi.	William Currie (1829-1904)
8	vii.	Phebe Elizabeth (1830-1860)
9	viii.	Robert Henry (1834-1912)

[5] Will of John Green, Probate Office, Courthouse, Howell, Livingston County, Michigan.
[6] Will of Daniel Willis Sr., 13583G. W. 1846, New Jersey Archives, 225 W. State St., Trenton, New Jersey.

John's second marriage was to **Mary Jane COHOON** on 25 October 1861 in Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan.[7] She was of Plymouth, Michigan. The Baptist minister, V. K. Barber, performed the ceremony. Mary Jane was born on 30 March 1825 in New York. Mary Jane received Widow's Pension #32028 following the death of her husband on the basis of his service in the New York Militia in the War of 1812. She died suddenly on 19 December 1884 from a membranous tumor at the home of Mary Jane's niece and nephew (Mrs. Hill, Mr. C. S. Hill) in Montpelier, Williams County, Ohio. Mary Jane Green "was my mother's sister - - made her home with me for several years prior to her death. My aunt was a very nervous woman." [8]

Second Generation

2. Permelia GREEN was born on 1 September 1817 in New Jersey and died in Washtenaw County, Michigan, on 26 June 1883. She was buried in Collins Cemetery, Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

On 26 December 1833 Permelia married **Selah Baxter COLLINS**, son of Alpheus Collins and Betsy Hall, in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. He was born on 12 November 1812 in Wayne County, New York[9] and died on 17 April 1891. The date of marriage was 27 December 1833 in Ann Arbor according to Washtenaw County Marriage Records, Book O. The marriage was performed by Rev. Colclazer of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1834 Permelia moved into the first log house built on "Collins Plains" by Selah and his brothers. Permelia then became the first white woman in the future township of Lyndon. S. B. was a township supervisor for Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.[10] The *Chelsea Standard* obituary, in the Chelsea Library Genealogical File, said that he died April 16 at the home of his son, A. C. Collins. It also said that S. B. Collins was one of the first settlers of Lyndon Township.

In 1880 Permelia was listed in the Michigan census with a "D" denoting divorce, in the column for marital status. The divorce has not been found in Washtenaw County records. Her husband, Baxter, was enumerated in the 1880 census living in Lenawee County with another woman listed as his wife. He did not move back to Washtenaw County until after Permelia's death.

They had the following children:

10	i.	Edwin Orlando (1836-1903)
11	ii.	Addison Comstock (1837-1916)
12	iii.	Esther Ann (1843-1923)
13	iv.	Cynthia Cordelia (1847-1917)
14	v.	Marian Sophie (1849-1852)
15	vi.	William Harrison (1849-1927)
16	vii.	Josephine (1851-1853)
17	viii.	Albert (1853-1862)

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[7] War of 1812, Widow's Pension Application 32028, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
[8] Ibid.
[9] DAR, *Old Bible and Other Records*, vol. 3 (printed on cover), p. 293.
[10] *History of Washtenaw County, Michigan*, p. 739-740.

18 ix. Elizabeth (Betsey, Bessie, Betty) (1859-1920)

3. Mary Angeline GREEN was born on 14 March 1820 in Augusta Township, Oneida County, New York, and died in Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan, on 11 June 1892. "Angel" Green was a teacher and conducted the first private school in Lyndon Township. She was also the second teacher of the initial district school.[11] Her obituary said that she had come to Michigan with her parents and siblings in 1831 and settled in Ann Arbor.

On 14 January 1841 Mary married **Elnathan SKIDMORE**, in Iosco Township, Livingston County, Michigan. He was born on 13 April 1818 in Butternut, Otsego County, New York,[12] and died on 25 November 1902. Son of Isaac Skidmore, Elnathan was a farmer. He and Mary lived in Lyndon Township for seven years after their marriage. They moved to Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, in 1849 - 1853, then briefly moved to Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan. In 1854 they moved back to Lyndon Township. Both Elnathan and Mary A. joined the Baptist Church of Unadilla in 1843.

They had one child:

19 i. Mary Adelia (1848-)

Elnathan married Mrs. Marcia Lawrence on 26 July 1893.

4. Sarah Melvina GREEN was born on 20 March 1822 in Augusta Township, Oneida County, New York, and died in Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan, on 10 June 1896.

On 14 January 1841 Sarah Melvina married **Hiram BARTON**, in Iosco Township, Livingston County, Michigan. He was born on 7 February 1817 in Tyre, Seneca County, New York, the son of Hiram Barton and Abigail Cook. Hiram died at the home of his daughter, Abbie (Barton) Leek, on 13 December 1893.

Hiram and Melvina lived in Putnam Township, Livingston County, Michigan, and Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, following their marriage. Hiram was in California in 1851-52 for his health. Afterwards he bought a farm in Lyndon Center where he lived for 16 years, then moved to the county line between Lyndon and Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan. According to Bernice (Barton) Beeman, the Green women were "tall and heavy boned." Sarah Melvina was called by her middle name. She had a heart attack at a meeting of the Pioneers, to which she had come with her daughter, Abbie Leek. When she saw a lame woman stumble on the stairs the excitement caused Sarah to suffer a fatal heart attack.[13] Sarah was living in Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at the time of her death. Funeral services were held at the Lyndon Baptist Church.

They had the following children:

20 i. Sarah Abigail (Abbie) (1842-1940)
21 ii. Melvina Elizabeth (Maria) (1845-1940)
22 iii. Annis Ann (1861-1941)

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[11] Ibid. p. 742.
[12] *The Brief* (Stockbridge, Michigan), 4 December 1902, p. 3.
[13] *Chelsea Standard* (Chelsea, Michigan), 18 June 1896.

23	iv.	Harvey S. (1848-1918)
24	v.	Hiram J. (1848-1891)
25	vi.	Elnathan S. (1854-1937)
26	vii.	Mary Angeline (-1860)

5. John Willis GREEN was born on 24 April 1824 in Augusta Township, Oneida County, New York[14] and died in Hollister, California, on 1 January 1905.[15] He was buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Hollister, San Benito County, California.

On 22 February 1847 John Willis first married in Washtenaw County, Michigan, **Harriet LETTS**, daughter of John M. and Sarah Letts. Harriet died on 25 October 1897 in Hollister, California.[16] Harriet's sister, Jane, was the first wife of Samuel Green, John Green's brother. Harriet and her first child, Sarah E. (Emma Sarah), were enumerated with her parents in the 1850 U.S. census in Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. She probably lived with them until her husband's return from the gold fields in 1853.

They had the following children:

27	i.	Emma Sarah (1848-)
28	ii.	Amanda E. (1849-)
29	iii.	Ada Harriette (Amy) (1850-1930)
30	iv.	Francis Elizabeth (1854-)
31	v.	Ellen Ione (1860-1937)

John went to California in the Gold Rush, walking part of the way to the gold fields. He was successful and returned to Michigan about 1853. He began buying property in Washtenaw County. John W. Green's name occurs over fifty times in the Washtenaw County, Michigan, deed book indexes between 1846 and the last entry in 1868. Prior to leaving Michigan permanently in 1868, John bought a brickyard in Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan. John purchased land in Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, in 1861. John was living in Ypsilanti in 1866 as noted in Washtenaw County Deed Book 59, page 335. Previously he had lived in Lyndon Township and later Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. In April 1868 he left with his family, traveling via New York City, walked across the Isthmus of Panama, then by boat to reach San Francisco.[17] He lived in California the rest of his life.

John Willis' second marriage was to **Grace AMSLER**. She was born about 1846 in California. Grace died in San Benito County, California, on 29 January 1926.

(To be continued)

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[14] Green Family Bible, California.
[15] Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Volume I, page G-2, San Benito County Recorder, Hollister, California. Copied 4 December 1974.
[16] Green Family Bible, family data.
[17] Bussey, Donald F., "My Geoautobiography", 30 March 1971.

TOPICAL MAGAZINE AND INTERNET RESOURCES – CEMETERY RESEARCH

Contributed by Jan Monnin, Toledo, Ohio

Cemeteries are one of the cornerstones of genealogical research. Many times the only death record of a person is from his tombstone if he died before vital records were kept by the local government. Thanks to the hard work of many thousands of genealogical society volunteers, many cemetery tombstones and records have been transcribed. Please use the following sources to help in your cemetery research.

[Please note: This is not an exhaustive list of all sources for this topic. Just ones I have accumulated or found online. It is also possible that there may be transcription errors, even though I try to be very careful.]

Articles published in genealogical magazines

Magazine	Issue &Page	Article about
Heritage Quest	May/June 2002, page 48	Cemetery research, Onsite and on the trip by Kory L. Meyerink
Heritage Quest	Jan/Feb 2003, page 40	Tackling cemetery records by Carolyn E. Miller with Laura J. Henson
Heritage Quest	Sept/Oct 2003	There are many articles about cemetery research in this issue
Family History Magazine	May/June 2004, page 52	Photographing tombstones
New England Ancestors	Winter 2004, page 43	Finding old cemeteries using today's technology
Ancestry	Jan/Feb 2005, page 55	Cemeteries – a Source for History by Curt Witcher
Family Tree Magazine	June 2005, page 47	Cracking the Tombstone Code by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

You can locate these magazines in a couple different places:

- Most major libraries subscribe to and keep these magazines for reference research at the facility. You can read them at the library and some libraries will also copy the article and mail it to you for a small fee.
- Perhaps you have a genealogical friend who subscribes to these magazines, who would be willing to share them with you.

Articles Online

(note: these are not "all" cemetery research articles online. But ones that represent a wide variety of topics.)

Online articles	Website address
Your cemetery equipment by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack 10/2000	http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/oct00/equipment.html
Finding the Final Resting Place by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack 10/2000	http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/oct00/cemetery.html
Tombstone Rubbing, step by step by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack 10/2000	http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/oct00/rubbing.html
GPS for genealogy by Rhonda McClure	http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/apr04/gps.html
The (monthly) cemetery column by Steve	www.interment.net
Buried in a cemetery by Michael John Neill 6/27/2001	http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=4142
A visit with a cemetery administrator by Michael John Neill 9/15/2000	http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=2325
Technology for lost and found cemeteries by Candace L. Doriott Jan/Feb/Mar 2004 Genealogical Computing	http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=8889
How Not to Conduct a Cemetery Research Trip by Linda Herrick Swisher 7/20/2000	http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=2006

Other websites to help your research

http://www.daddezio.com/cemetery/	**Cemetery Junction** - Helping the genealogical community find their ancestors
www.interment.net	**Interment.net** – Online publisher of cemetery transcriptions for use by genealogists and local historians.
www.findagrave.com	Find a Grave
www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery	US Genweb tombstone transcription project
www.genealogy.com/vcem_welcome.html	Virtual cemetery
http://www.gravestonestudies.org/	The Association for Gravestone Studies – to further the study and preservation of gravestones

Other resources

Your local genealogy society	Don't forget about the genealogy society that is in the area where your ancestor lived or died. Very often, genealogical societies will "read," transcribe and then publish the inscriptions of the tombstones in the cemeteries in their county. You can find the address and location of a genealogy society from www.usgenweb.com – click on whatever state and then county you want to research further. Generally there will be a link or more information for the local genealogical society.

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TWO WASHTENAW BIRTH RECORDS FOUND IN THE DEATH RECORDS

While searching in the Washtenaw County death records, the Research Committee stumbled upon the following two birth records. They do not seem to have been picked up in later indexing of the birth records, so we transcribe them for you below. We have included a brief introduction to the family.

Dr. Victor Clarence Vaughan was born 27 October 1851 (Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. 1 p. 871) in Missouri, the son of John Vaughan and Eliza Adelibe Dameron. He married Dora Catherine Taylor on 16 August 1877 in Randolph, Missouri (IGI at Familysearch.org). He was listed in the Ann Arbor Directory in 1886 as Ph D, M D, Professor of Physiological and Pathological Chemistry. In 1888, his citation includes Director of Hygienic Laboratory, and by 1892 it includes Dean of the Department of Medicine and Surgery. He served as a Major and Surgeon in the Spanish American War (Letters from Michigan Soldiers in the Spanish-American War, 1899 found on Genealogy.com). The Victor Vaughan Dormitory on the University of Michigan campus, built in 1938, was named for him. The building is near the corner of Catherine Street and Glen Avenue, on the former site of the medical ward of the Homeopathic Hospital.

In the 1900 Census for Ann Arbor, Ward 6, p. 103, he is listed with his wife, Dora C, (5 children, 5 living) and all 5 children: Victor C. Jr. born March 1879, John W. born August 1880, Herbert H. born April 1884, Henry F. born October 1889 and Warren T. born February 1893. Note the discrepancy between Warren's delayed birth record, and the census for 1900 which is very clearly 1893!

According to the Vaden-Dameron Genealogy at Ancestry.com trees, Dr. Vaughan died 21 November 1929 in Richmond, Virginia.

From Washtenaw County Death Records,1900
State of Michigan
County of Washtenaw ss

I, Professor Doctor Victor C. Vaughan, a regular practicing physician of the City of Ann Arbor, in the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on the 22nd day of February A.D. 1892, I delivered my lawful wedded wife Dora Catherine Vaughan, maiden name Taylor, of a healthy son, at the City of Ann Arbor, who was baptized in St Andrews Episcopal Church in the City of Ann Arbor, under the name of Warren Taylor Vaughan, by which name he is known.

In testimony whereof I have xxxxx hereunto set my hand, the 28th day of May A.D. 1908

Signed Victor C Vaughan

State of Michigan
County of Washtenaw ss

I, Professor Doctor Victor C. Vaughan, a regular practicing physician of the City of Ann Arbor, in the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on the 12th day of October A.D. 1889, I delivered my lawful wedded wife Dora Catherine Vaughan, maiden name Taylor, of a healthy son, at the City of Ann Arbor, who was baptized in St Andrews Episcopal Church in the City of Ann Arbor, under the name of Henry Freeze Vaughan, by which name he is known.

In testimony whereof I have xxxxx hereunto set my had, the 28th day of May A.D. 1908

Signed Victor C Vaughan

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QUERIES AND REQUESTS

LAMB
WALCOTT
WOLCOTT
SUTTON
WHITE

Henry Sutton m2) Mrs. Susanna Lamb Wolcott/Walcott. He d. June 1837. Res. in Oakland Co., MI and Northfield Twp, Washtenaw Co., MI. Two sons William Randall Sutton and Henry Harrison Sutton b. 1820 Steuben Co., NY. Henry Harrison d. 6 Dec 1884, bur. Clinton Co., MI. Possibly Lewis Sutton and George Sutton may also be sons. Sk the residence, ddt and burpl of Henry and his wife.

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BURKE
GRIEVE
LIVINGSTON

Joseph Grieve b. 11 Feb 1870 Aberdeenshire, SCT came to the USA in 1896. In April 1902 in Ypsilanti he marr. Rose Burke b. 18 Dec 1875 d/o Anthony & Ellen Burke of Northfield Twp. Joseph d. Chicago 21 Apr 1954. Rose d. 12 Aug 1960. Both bur. from St. Bride's in Chicago. Sk info about Joseph.

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AMERMAN
BRIGGS
BUNTON
CADY
GOODEN
HUNTER
LaFURGE/LaFARGE
MARTIN/MARTINI
SCHROEDER
SHUART
WILLIAMS

Henry Allen Amerman, possibly son of William Warren Amerman and Harriet Bunton, b. 5 July 1873 Belleville, Wayne Co. (or Washtenaw Co. as per *IGI*?), MI, d. Santa Paula, CA, 7 Dec 1964 bur. Highland Cem, Block 100 Ypsilanti, MI with Blanch. On 13 May 1901 m1) Blanch b. 1880 MI, possibly d/o of Myron Cady and Emily Briggs Cady of 501 Adams St (1894 census) and d. 1905; m2) in Burt, MI on 26 Aug 1908 Eunice Iva Hunter, b. 9 Mar 1888, possibly d/o John L. and Elmira or Estelle (...) Hunter. Found in Ypsilanti Directories 1901, 1907 and 1910 at 119 Adams St. Sk all info the Amerman fam as well as info on Russell Amerman, principal of Northville HS from 1927, then Superintendent until 1965. Russell s/o of Herbert Amerman (Henry Allen's brother) and Mary Hendricks. Other related names: Shuart, Williams, Martin or Martini, Schroeder, and LaFurge or LaFarge.

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COBB
HENNING
LATHROP
SAWYER
SAXTEN
WELCH

Orville Lathrop b. 1808 NH and his wife Louisa res. in Pittsfield Twp, Washt Co. in 1850 and earlier. Louisa m2) 1856 in Ann Arbor Douglas Saxten, m3)1869 Hiram Welch. Ch: Julia Lathrop b. 1830 NY marr. David Henning; Edgar Lathrop b. 4 June 1834 Kalamazoo, MI marr. Mary Ellen Sawyer in Ann Arbor; Mary Lathrop b. 1838; Tamor (Seymour?) Lathrop b. 1840; Elijah Lathrop b. 1843; Helen Lathrop b. 1847. Living next door in 1850 was brother Horace Lathrop and father Elijah Lathrop (Sr.) b. 1775 NH d. 2 Aug. 1871 Ann Arbor. Sk to verify if Louisa is the mother of all of these children, also sk her maiden name. Sk ddt and burpl for Orville.

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BABCOCK
DIKEMAN
GALE
MANNING
NUTTING

Emma Adelia (a.k.a. Dora/Della) Babcock b. 1848 MI, d. 21 Sep 1923, bur. Lakeside Cem., Howell, MI. Her father is unknown, mother is Sylvia b. NY. Emma was the second wife of William Nutting b. 1835, d. 1879, s/o Rufus Nutting and Marcia Manning. William's first wife was Lucy Gale (unconfirmed). Emma and William had at least 3 children: Lucy Gale Nutting b. 4 April 1866, d. 23 Dec 1941 bur. Lakeside Cem, Howell, MI; Samuel Manning Nutting; and Edwin P. Nutting. Emma res. in 1860 in Unadilla, Livingston Co., MI, with her mother and siblings. She and William res. Unadilla and Stockbridge, Ingham Co., MI prior to 1870, KS in 1870, Howell, MI in 1880. Sk info about Emma Adelia Babcock, esp. her parents.

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BOTTUM
TOWNSEND
ZUNIGA

Townsend and Bottum was a construction firm involved in the construction of dams and electrical plants along rivers in the 1920 and 1930 era. Sk historical info about the firm and biographical info about Mr. Townsend and Mr. Bottum.

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FRANCISCO
METCALF
OVERACKER
STOW/STOWE
VAN DER COOK

William Stowe b. 1777 in Connecticut, m. Eva Overacker, daughter of Adam and Cornelia (Van der Cook) Overacker before 1820 in Ontario Co., NY. Henry A. Francisco b. 1794 in NY, m. Catherine Overacker, also daughter of Adam and Cornelia in 1816 in Ontario Co., NY. Henry A. Francisco was living in Saline in 1830 Census. Believe family came together from NY (Wm. Stowe) and Ohio (Adam Overacker and Moses Metcalf) in Saline before moving on to Sylvan Twp, Washt Co., and Grass Lake Twp, Jackson Co. Looking for a connection between William Stowe, and Stephen and Ashfield Stowe who died in Saline during the Cholera epidemic of 1834. Also looking for any information on Julia Stow of Saline, who married to A.H Goodrich in 1834, and their descendants beyond that mentioned in Chapman's 1881 *History of Washtenaw Co.*

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IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES LEROY LISKOW

26 December 1919 - 26 June 2006

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